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SUBJECT: LABOR MINISTERIAL: BIAC/TUAC CONSULTATIONS

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1. MSA DIRECTORATE HEAD GASS TOLD US DECEMBER, 17 THAT  
SECGEN VAN LENNEP HAD INSTRUCTED HIM TO CONTACT PER-  
MANENT DELEGATIONS AND DISCUSS WITH THEM THE USEFULNESS  
OF "AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS" WITH BIAC/TUAC PRIOR TO THE  
LABOR MINISTERIAL. GASS STRESSED THAT MEETING WITH  
ADVISORY BODIES WOULD NOT CONSTITUTE CONSULTATIONS,  
BUT SIMPLY AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS. GASS SAID THAT VAN  
LENNEP RECOMMENDED THAT THIS EXCHANGE OCCUR WITH MSAC  
BUREAU OR SPECIAL WORKING PARTY FOR THE MINISTERIAL.  
THE SECRETARIAT WOULD ISSUE A NOTE FOR THIS MEETING  
CONSISTING OF A NUMBER OF QUESTIONS AND OPINIONS OF  
ADVISORY BODIES WOULD BE SOLICITED. AS THOUGH THINKING  
OUT LOUD, GASS ALSO SUGGESTED THAT "REVIEW OF EMPLOY-  
MENT POLICY FOR THE 70S" (MO(75)33) AND "MAIN TENDENCIES  
IN EMPLOYMENT AND MANPOWER POLICY MEASURES IN THE CUR-  
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RENT RECESSION" (MO(75)38) MIGHT ALSO BE DISTRIBUTED.

GASS SAID THESE DOCUMENTS ARE NEARLY FINALIZED AND ARE NOT CONTENTIOUS. GASS ALSO SAID THE EXCHANGE OF VIEWS WOULD OCCUR DURING JAN 19-21 MSAC MEETING.

2. GASS SAID THAT VAN LENNEP PREFERS THE EXCHANGE TO TAKE PLACE AT COMMITTEE OR SPECIAL WORKING GROUP LEVEL RATHER THAN THAT OF LIAISON COMMITTEE FOR NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS WHICH CONSISTS OF SECRETARIAT AND SELECTED PERM REPS.

3. COMMENT: MISSION PERCEIVES NO MAJOR PROBLEM WITH TUAC/MSAC BUREAU OR SPECIAL WORKING PARTY MEETING; ESPECIALLY SINCE DISCUSSIONS WILL PROBABLY FOCUS ON A SECRETARIAT NOTE RATHER THAN WORKING DOCUMENTS FOR THE MINISTERIAL. DEBATE WOULD ALSO BE MORE SUBSTANTIVE AT BUREAU LEVEL RATHER THAN MORE FORMAL AND PERHAPS PRO-FORMA LIAISON COMMITTEE LEVEL.

ACTION REQUESTED: INSTRUCTIONS RE CONSULTATIONS ISSUE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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